

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Emergency Preparedness Regional Roles and Contact Information

Regional Health Educator	Regional Coordinator	Regional Hospital Coordinator
<p>Primary Audiences: Local Boards of Health, Healthcare Providers and Infection Control Specialists</p> <p>Other Audiences: Local Public Safety, Emergency Management, School Health and others who have a role in emergency preparedness planning and response.</p> <p>Mission: Assess the public health infrastructure relative to education and training needs for emergency preparedness, surveillance, reporting and control of infectious diseases, and response to all-hazards public health emergencies on a regional and statewide basis. Based on the assessment(s), conceptualize, implement and evaluate education and training initiatives, including curriculum development and train-the-trainer programs, through a variety of formats to suit regional needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with MDPH Bureaus within the Center for Emergency Preparedness, and relevant associations and agencies, to coordinate education and training. Develop partnerships with local boards of health professional associations, schools of public health, medicine, public safety and others. • Collaborate closely with other MDPH regional staff to ensure programmatic coordination and efficiency. • Work with Center for Emergency Preparedness staff in the promotion and implementation of the Local Public Health Institute (an administrative umbrella for local public health education and training). • Collaborate with local health officials and others to develop and implement regional or statewide drills, simulations, and other events. • Assist with response to public health emergencies as needed. 	<p>Primary Audiences: Local Boards of Health</p> <p>Other Audiences: Local Public Safety, Emergency Management, Regional Homeland Security Councils, the healthcare delivery system and others who have a role in emergency preparedness planning and response.</p> <p>Mission: Provide consultation and support regionally to local boards of health to strengthen the capacity to respond to public health needs, including assistance with needs assessment, organizational and coalition development, and strategic all-hazards emergency preparedness efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local boards of health, hospitals, local public safety, and other local and regional stakeholders to assist in developing all-hazards public health emergency response plans to supplement local comprehensive emergency management plans and to enhance their response capability to disaster situations. • Identify and implement MDPH Center for Emergency Preparedness program goals and objectives regionally. • Integrate MDPH Center for Emergency Preparedness initiatives and strategies with those of local health officials within their respective regions. • Collaborate closely with MDPH central and regional staff to ensure programmatic coordination and efficiency. • Collaborate with local health officials and others to develop and implement regional or statewide drills, simulations, and other events. • Assist with response to public health emergencies as needed. 	<p>Primary Audiences: Hospitals</p> <p>Other Audiences: Local and regional EMS, Public Safety, Emergency Management, the healthcare delivery system and others who have a role in emergency preparedness planning and response.</p> <p>Mission: Provide consultation, coordination and support to hospital emergency preparedness programs to strengthen their capacity to respond to public health needs, particularly in response to mass casualty incidents such as acts of bioterrorism, natural disaster and pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with hospital emergency preparedness personnel to assist them in developing emergency preparedness plans, hazard vulnerability assessments and enhancing their response capability to disaster situations. • Coordinate region-wide preparedness activities among all of the hospitals in the region including participation in statewide emergency communications systems. • Assist the hospitals in working with local and regional boards of health, local and regional public safety, EMS and other local and regional stakeholders to develop and enhance regional and local emergency response plans. • Collaborate closely with MDPH central and regional staff to ensure programmatic coordination and efficiency. • Collaborate with hospital emergency preparedness personnel and various state and local emergency medical and public safety agencies to develop and implement regional exercises and simulations to test preparedness plans. • Assist with response to public health emergencies as needed.

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